

EC-2463. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (FRL-5461-1); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2464. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (FRL-5461-5); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2465. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN 2135-AA00); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2466. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Work First and Personal Responsibility Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2467. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN 0938-AF14); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2468. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule (RIN 1515-AB93); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2469. A communication from the Inspector General, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of final rules (RIN 0960-AE23); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2470. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule (RIN 1545-AT55); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2471. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule (RIN 1545-AT02); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2472. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revenue procedure; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2473. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revenue procedure; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2474. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule (RIN 1545-A199); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2475. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revenue procedure; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2476. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2477. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a revenue ruling; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2478. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a revenue ruling; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2479. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the summary of an announcement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2480. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule (RIN 1545-AQ65); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2481. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule (RIN 1545-AT43); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2482. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2483. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule (RIN 1545-AT33); to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-573. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska relative to the English language; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KYL, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 1729. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. PELL):

S. 1730. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to make the Act more effective in preventing oil pollution in the Nation's waters through enhanced prevention of, and improved response to, oil spills, and to ensure that citizens and communities injured by oil spills are promptly and fully compensated, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 1731. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KYL, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 1729. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE INTERSTATE STALKING PUNISHMENT AND PREVENTION ACT OF 1996

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I am introducing legislation today to strengthen the protections our society offers to stalking victims, those individuals whose stories we so often hear only after they end in tragedy.

My bill would make it a felony for a stalker to cross State lines with the intention of injuring or harassing the victim. It would make it a felony to place a stalking victim in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury in violation of a protective order by such travel. And it extends that protection of law to members of a victim's immediate family as well.

Freedom from fear is one of the most cherished advantages we are supposed to enjoy in our country, but stalking victims have been robbed of that freedom.

Their victimization is made worse because currently, restraining orders against stalkers issued in one State cannot be enforced in another State. If the victim leaves the State—to work, to travel, to escape—they lose their protection. Many times victims are told to put some distance between themselves and their stalker, perhaps they are even counseled to move far away.

Under such circumstances, stalking victims must go through the time-consuming process of obtaining another restraining order in a different jurisdiction. We all know the wheels of justice grind slowly. Time is what many stalking victims don't have. In such situations, time is what determines whether they live or die.

The legislation I am introducing today will give stalking victims that time they need. It will protect victims regardless of where they go. Victims will no longer be trapped in their own states in order to benefit from the shelter of law. In addition, this bill allows the resources of the FBI to be applied against interstate stalkers to prevent the intimidation of victims, or their coming to actual harm.

Just as importantly, this legislation goes beyond last year's domestic violence legislation by expanding the definition of a stalking victim from offender's spouse or intimate partner to simply victim. Many people are stalked by someone other than a spouse or intimate partner, often someone they know only slightly or don't know at all. Common sense tells us they need protection as much as those stalked by a spouse or romantic partner. This provision alone would double the protection we now can provide stalking victims.

Mr. President, I want to make it clear to my colleagues that we are not federalizing the crime of stalking. Stalking is and will remain a State crime, subject to State jurisdiction and